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FINANCING OF THE UNITED NATIONS MISSION IN HAITI

Report of the Fifth Committee (Part IV)

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. The previous recommendations made by the Fifth Committee to the General Assembly under agenda item 133 appear in the reports of the Committee contained in documents A/50/705 and Add.1 and 2.

2. The Fifth Committee resumed its consideration of the item at its 59th and resumed 64th meetings, on 10 May and 3 June 1996. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/50/SR.59 and 64).

3. The Committee had before it the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Mission in Haiti (A/50/363/Add.2 and Corr.1) and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/50/488/Add.2).

II. CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT RESOLUTION A/C.5/50/L.53

4. At the resumed 64th meeting, on 3 June, the representative of Mexico introduced a draft resolution entitled "Financing of the United Nations Mission in Haiti" (A/C.5/50/L.53), submitted by the Chairman of the Committee on the basis of informal consultations.

5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/50/L.53 without a vote (see para. 6).

III. RECOMMENDATION OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

6. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Financing of the United Nations Mission in Haiti

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Mission in Haiti 1/ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, 2/

Recalling Security Council resolution 1048 (1996) of 29 February 1996, in which the Council extended the mandate of the Mission for a final period of four months, to 30 June 1996, and requested the Secretary-General to initiate planning not later than 1 June 1996 for the complete withdrawal of the Mission, as well as all previous Security Council resolutions on the Mission,

Recalling also its decision 48/477 of 23 December 1993 on the financing of the Mission and its subsequent resolutions and decisions thereon, the latest of which was resolution 50/90 of 19 December 1995,

Reaffirming that the costs of the Mission are expenses of the Organization to be borne by Member States in accordance with Article 17, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations,

Recalling its previous decisions regarding the fact that, in order to meet the expenditures caused by the Mission, a different procedure is required from that applied to meet expenditures of the regular budget of the United Nations,

Taking into account the fact that the economically more developed countries are in a position to make relatively larger contributions and that the economically less developed countries have a relatively limited capacity to contribute towards such an operation,

Bearing in mind the special responsibilities of the States permanent members of the Security Council, as indicated in General Assembly resolution 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, in the financing of such operations,

Noting with appreciation that voluntary contributions have been made to the Mission by certain Governments,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Mission with the necessary financial resources to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

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1/ A/50/363/Add.2 and Corr.1.

2/ A/50/488/Add.2.

1. Notes the status of contributions to the United Nations Mission in Haiti as at 21 May 1996, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 74.7 million United States dollars, representing 23 per cent of the total assessed contributions from the inception of the Mission to the period ending on 30 April 1996, also notes that some 18 per cent of the Member States have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States concerned, in particular those in arrears, to ensure the payment of their outstanding assessed contributions;

2. Expresses concern about the financial situation with regard to peace-keeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursement of troop contributors, which bear burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;

3. Expresses its appreciation to those Member States that have paid their assessed contributions in full;

4. Urges all other Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the Mission in full and on time;

5. Endorses the observations and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions; 2/

6. Approves, on an exceptional basis, the special arrangements for the Mission with regard to the application of article IV of the Financial Regulations of the United Nations, whereby appropriations required in respect of obligations owed to Governments providing contingents and/or logistic support to the Mission shall be retained beyond the period stipulated under financial regulations 4.3 and 4.4, as set out in the annex to the present resolution;

7. Requests the Secretary-General to take all necessary action to ensure that the Mission is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

8. Decides to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Mission in Haiti the amount of 45,314,000 dollars gross (44,348,400 dollars net) for the period from 1 March to 30 June 1996, inclusive of the amount of 30 million dollars gross (28.5 million dollars net) authorized by the General Assembly in its resolution 50/90 for the period from 1 March to 31 May 1996;

9. Decides also, as an ad hoc arrangement, and taking into account the amount of 20 million dollars gross (19 million dollars net) already apportioned in accordance with General Assembly resolution 50/90, to apportion the additional amount of 25,314,000 dollars gross (25,348,400 dollars net) for the period from 1 March to 30 June 1996 among Member States in accordance with the composition of groups set out in paragraphs 3 and 4 of General Assembly resolution 43/232 of 1 March 1989, as adjusted by the Assembly in its resolutions 44/192 B of 21 December 1989, 45/269 of 27 August 1991, 46/198 A of 20 December 1991, 47/218 A of 23 December 1992, 49/249 A of 20 July 1995, 49/249 B of 14 September 1995 and 50/224 of 11 April 1996 and its decisions 48/472 A of 23 December 1993 and 50/451 B of 23 December 1995, and taking into account the scale of assessments for the year 1996, as set out in resolution 49/19 B of 23 December 1994 and decision 50/471 A of 22 December 1995;

10. Decides further that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 9 above, shall take into consideration the decrease in their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated staff assessment income of 34,400 dollars approved for the Mission for the period from 1 March to 30 June 1996;

11. Decides to appropriate the amount of 15,897,900 dollars gross (15,440,300 dollars net) for the liquidation of the Mission for the period beginning on 1 July 1996, inclusive of the amount of 377,400 dollars for the support account for peace-keeping operations, to be apportioned among Member States in accordance with the scheme set out in paragraph 9 above;

12. Decides also that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 11 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated staff assessment income of 457,600 dollars approved for the Mission for the period beginning on 1 July 1996;

13. Invites voluntary contributions to the Mission in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure established by the General Assembly in its resolutions 43/230 of 21 December 1988, 44/192 A of 21 December 1989 and 45/258 of 3 May 1991;

14. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-first session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Mission in Haiti".

ANNEX

Special arrangements with regard to the application of article IV of the Financial Regulations of the United Nations

1. At the end of the twelve-month period provided for in regulation 4.3, any unliquidated obligations of the financial period in question relating to goods supplied and services rendered by Governments for which claims have been received or which are covered by established reimbursement rates shall be transferred to accounts payable; such accounts payable shall remain recorded in the Special Account for the United Nations Mission in Haiti until payment is effected.

2. (a) Any other unliquidated obligations of the financial period in question owed to Governments for goods supplied and services rendered, as well as other obligations owed to Governments, for which required claims have not yet been received shall remain valid for an additional period of four years following the end of the twelve-month period provided for in regulation 4.3;

(b) Claims received during this four-year period shall be treated as provided under paragraph 1 of the present annex, if appropriate;

(c) At the end of the additional four-year period, any unliquidated obligations shall be cancelled and the then remaining balance of any appropriations retained therefor shall be surrendered.